

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permit Renewal Team
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Project Title: San Diego Gas & Electric Permit Renewal

Project Location: 6875 Consolidated Way, San Diego, California

County: San Diego

Description of Project:

The project is an approval of a RCRA Permit Renewal for a container storage unit at San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). The facility stores on-site and off-site waste collected from SDG&E 90 day generator sites and spill cleanup sites. The wastes are stored in containers ranging in size from five gallons to eighty-five gallons. Most of the containers are 55-gallon drums. The wastes are primarily oil, solvent, metal, and paint wastes. SDG&E maintains proper classification of wastes using a waste classification system. The drums with hazardous waste are delivered by SDG&E flat bed trucks or tractor-trailers that are registered hazardous waste haulers. The drums are stored on pallets, four drums to a pallet, two pallets high (maximum) for solid waste, and one pallet high for liquid wastes. The maximum capacity of the facility is 280 55-gallon drums. Storage is on concrete in an area approximately 40' x 44'. This containment area is sloped 1% from back to front to allow collection of spills in a concrete channel. The channel runs the length of the containment area, is separated at a block wall for incompatible wastes, and has the capacity to contain more than 10% of the liquids stored (approximately 880 gallons). The area is roofed. Like solid wastes in drums are combined to achieve minimization of wastes and economies from shipping and disposal. No other treatment of waste is conducted. Lab analysis is used to classify wastes and data to insure wastes are compatible with the drums and overpacking materials. SDG&E uses containers made of or lined with materials which will not react with, and otherwise be incompatible with, the hazardous waste to be stored so that the ability of the container to contain the waste is not impaired. No corrosive materials are stored except in original vendor-provided drums or other DOT specified and approved containers. Wastes that are incompatible with each other are stored on opposite sides of a reinforced, grouted, 6 foot high concrete block wall.

Background:

The original Part A and Part B for The SDG&E Miramar Waste Management Facility were submitted in 1989. The facility was proposed as a newly constructed facility. The RCRA permit became effective on July 11, 1991. The original duration of the permit was five years. The facility did not complete construction and become operational until 1995. In 1996, SDG&E requested a class 2 permit modification to extend the permit an additional five years, to 2001. In 1997, DTSC approved the class 2 permit modification to extend the permit to July 11, 2001. SDG&E submitted a new Part B application on July 2, 2001. A new Part A application was submitted on February 14, 2006. Updated portions of the Part B Application were submitted on October 18, 2006. The facility design, ownership, and operation have not changed since the original permit was applied for. The facility has no known releases, and recent inspections have noted no violations.

Project Activities:

Project activities consist of a renewal of a current permit for a hazardous waste container storage facility. The facility is unchanged from the current permitted operations. The facility has no known releases requiring corrective action.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Exemption Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
☐ Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
☐ Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
☒ Categorical Exemption: Title 14, CCR, Sec. 15301
☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
☐ General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: Renewal of an existing Permit Has No Potential to Cause Significant Changes to the Environment

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

- The project is for renewal of an existing RCRA storage permit. No changes to existing environmental conditions would occur. The facility consists of a covered building with a coated concrete floor. The secondary containment area is designed to contain a runoff volume equal to 24-hours of a 25-year storm event. Collected storm water is evaluated for contaminants and, if uncontaminated, released as storm water runoff, draining to the north of the facility. If collected storm water is determined to be contaminated, it is disposed at a disposal facility appropriate for the contamination.
- There are no known releases requiring corrective action, and recent inspections have noted no violations.
- The site is not on the Hazardous Waste and Substances List pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
- There are no riparian habitats in the vicinity of the site. The Rose Canyon Creek Bed, the only nearby waterway, is approximately 2000 feet from the site and is under federal jurisdiction as part of the United States Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. There are no watercourses or wetlands under state or federal jurisdiction at or in close proximity to the site.
- The site is not in an area of biological, historical, or cultural resource significance. No significant noise, light, traffic, or odors are generated at the facility. The project involves no new construction.
- No Air Pollution Control District, Air Quality Management District, or Water Quality Control District permits are needed for the storage facility.
- The facility is an existing facility in an industrial area of San Diego, and no new construction or other types of activities will take place.
- The facility is not located in an earthquake-prone zone or a 100 year flood plain.

Based on the nature of the project, the proper management of hazardous waste, and the fact that there will be no changes to existing operations, there is no possibility that a significant effect on the environment will occur.

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